

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please amend the paragraph on page 1 beginning at line 4 as follows:

--The present invention relates to a disposable diaper 5 which absorbs and contains body exudates. The present application is based on, and claims priority from, Japanese Application Serial Number 2002-336842, filed November 20, 2002, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated in its entirety.--